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Germany's "yet" must be about up, and we may expect a formal call from a bunch of submarines any day.

The fate of Russia hangs in the balance. It is strange that the patriots of that country cannot see their danger.

Company B of St. Albans is getting more than its share of target practice of the inverse kind, with two men shot, one fatally, inside of a week.

A little time spent in picking up about your premises will go a long way toward improving the appearance of the surroundings. Now is the time to do it.

Balfour put his cards down on the table face up when he began his conference in Washington. The United States is disposed to adopt the same policy of close and truthful communion.

Ex-Gov. C. W. Gates advised a Vermont golf club to plough up its entire course. The advice is superfluous—just wait till the golfing season opens and 'twill be done. However, the only planting that will be done is the planting of naughty, naughty words.

It was not the "Teddy Roosevelt" gun on the American steamer Mongolia that made the first hit against Germany. The real Theodore Roosevelt made the first hit long ago by means of the printed word. Roosevelt told just what the German government is and was not believed.

Since the opening of enlistments to the regular army of the United States, Vermont has made the poorest showing of all the states of the country in proportion to its population. It is time for Vermont to wake up to the fact that our nation is at war with Germany.

A million Americans on the western front would mean the freeing of the world from the thralldom of military autocracy, and it would mean the safety of the United States for half a century to come. But in spite of that we continue to debate the means of raising that army of a million men.

The Prussian autocracy is the managing editor, editorial writer, business agent and circulation manager of all the German newspapers. The readers of those newspapers are compelled, therefore, to hear only what the government wishes them to hear. A free press is an unknown quantity there.

Of course the citizens of Barre will remember the city meeting at city hall tonight for the purpose of fixing compensation for several officials, discussing the evening drawing school and doing any other proper business. Most satisfactory results will be secured if there is a large attendance at the meeting.

Representative Mason of Illinois, a Republican, did not show good sense in openly accusing President Wilson of fear to send Theodore Roosevelt into France with an army because of the political prestige that would accrue to Roosevelt in the event of successful campaigning. There can be no politics in the nation's war against Germany; else the nation's efforts are doomed to failure. We should forget for the time being that we are Republicans, or Democrats, or any other kind of partisans, remembering only that we are citizens of the best country in the world and anxious to uphold the honor of that country. We cannot do so by mixing up political innuendoes as Representative Mason tried to do and for which he was promptly shown disapproval.

A revelation of how completely the management of the French military campaign has been taken out of the hands of Marshal Joffre is given by the fact that Joffre could be spared to make the official visitation to Washington for the purpose of conferring on entirely different affairs relating to the war. France right now is at a most critical point in her campaign in an endeavor to oust the Germans from French territory and were Joffre engaged in active councils for the prosecution of that effort he most certainly would have been held in France for that purpose. But France saw fit to send him abroad on a mission of indefinite length, running also the risk of losing him just as Great Britain lost Lord Kitchener. The inference is that the war has been completely taken over by some other heads. However, that is no reflection on the grim, grizzled veteran who is now being accorded so much acclaim in Washington. He did his part in saving France, and he did it well. The second stage of the war is entrusted to tacticians of other plans. Joffre has earned the respite from active campaigning which is his due.

REPRESENTATIVE GREENE'S SPEECH IN CONGRESS.

If there was any disposition on the part of some of his colleagues to heckle Representative Frank L. Greene of Vermont while he was speaking in the House last Monday in defense of universal war service, those who had such a disposition found in Representative Greene a man of good humor and ready repartee. According to the report in the Congressional Record Representative Greene was interrupted no less than eight times during the 30 minutes allotted to him to present his views on the subject. As everyone knows who has tried to deliver an address, to be interrupted, even though in the kindest manner, is a source of annoyance and, if repeated again and again, becomes decidedly exasperating. But down through the list of interrupters from Gordon of Ohio, through Dent of Alabama, Hull of Iowa, Mondell of Wyoming, Sloan of Nebraska, Hardy of Texas, Fairchild of New York and Dyer of Missouri to Kahn of California, who had charge of the minority report of the military committee, Representative Greene maintained an attitude of courtesy although the element of firmness had finally to be joined with the courtesy. And in spite of those interruptions Representative Greene presented a lucid statement of opinion why the United States cannot depend upon the volunteer system to build up a vast army with which to cope with the peril now at hand. Representative Greene's fellow-Vermonters are glad that he was able to "maintain both the floor and his feet at the same time," and more than that, they are pleased that he was willing to champion the minority report of the committee, of which he is a member, to insist that the nation absolutely needs universal service, based on the scheme of selective draft. Therein he represented, we believe, the sentiment of his state and the growing sentiment of the whole nation.

MAKE ARBOR DAY A PLANTING DAY.

Governor Graham has designated May 4 as Arbor and Bird day. The day might more properly have been named as Plant-a-Plot day, in view of the fact that crops are imperatively needed. However, the executive has turned the meaning of the day somewhat into the channels of present-day utility by urging all Vermonters to "combine profitable recreation and patriotism by planting trees and food gardens." Especially food gardens. Let there be food gardens in every vacant piece of ground whenever possible. There is no danger of overproduction. Every product we can raise will find a ready market and at reasonable prices, too. In this connection we feel constrained to express surprise at reports coming from some sections of Vermont that there is hostility to the campaign for increased planting because of the fear that the greater supply will result in the decrease of prices or will prevent further skyrocketing of prices. Already the crop producers are able to get a fine return on their crops. It is unpatriotic to ask more. He who seeks to make tremendous profits out of the misfortunes of his fellow-men is not guided by true principles of right and he is working against the interests of the United States and in favor of Germany. We regret exceedingly that any person in Vermont is so unpatriotic as to wish to discourage production because of the fear that it may cut his unwarranted profits. Vermont as a whole does not countenance such a sentiment, does not stand for it and will not permit it to continue. To endeavor to prevent increased production borders little short of treason in view of the imperative need as expressed by President Wilson.

If the weather be favorable for early crops on May 4 show your patriotism by planting a plot of ground; and if the weather be unfavorable for putting the seed in the ground make a start by preparing the ground for later insertion of the seed.



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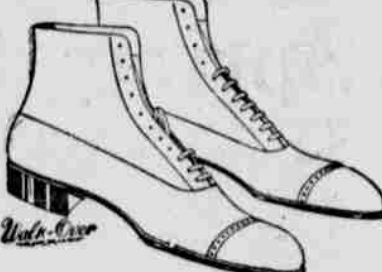
Fairbanks Shops in St. Johnsbury Will Work an Hour Earlier.

St. Johnsbury, April 27.—Beginning Monday the Fairbanks Scale company will inaugurate the daylight saving plan. All departments of the big plant will begin work at 6 and close at 4 o'clock. This arrangement is made to give the men opportunity to work in their gardens.

The Fairbanks company is urging its employees to cultivate the soil and is furnishing the men with garden plots and in many cases supplying seeds. Where land is not available for potatoes other crops are suggested. The company will raise a large quantity of potatoes and sell to its employees at the actual cost of production.

The public and parochial schools voted yesterday to co-operate with the Fairbanks company and very soon an army of school children will be available every afternoon at 3 o'clock to work in the hundreds of gardens with which St. Johnsbury abounds.

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NEGLECT OF DUTIES CHARGED.

Castleton Fire Engineer Placed Under \$1,000 Bonds.

Castleton, April 27.—Charles B. Webster, chief engineer of the fire department, was arrested yesterday on a warrant issued by Grand Juror J. C. Mound charging him with gross neglect of his duties. He was arraigned before Justice W. C. Rice and was placed under \$1,000 bonds and his case continued for two weeks.

It is understood that the arrest of Webster was the result of alleged neglect to properly care for hose after the big fire in Castleton a few weeks ago. It is alleged that the hose was hung in a tree to dry and left there.

Orchard Pruning Demonstration.

There will be a demonstration of orchard pruning, in both old and young trees, at the farm of George Henry Clark on the East Montpelier road, on Monday afternoon, April 30, at 1 o'clock. The county agricultural agent will be the demonstrator. You can afford a couple of hours for learning a little more about this work, so that you can harvest a few more apples this fall. There will also be a short talk on spraying. Come just the same if it rains. Opportunity will be given for the discussion of other subjects.

EAST BARRE.

Members of Gill lodge, No. 57, bear in mind the Odd Fellows anniversary Friday evening, April 27. Per order N. G.

WATERBURY

There will be a public mass meeting at the opera house at 8:30 Saturday evening in the interests of patriotic agriculture. This will immediately follow the first moving picture show and all children under 15, unless accompanied by guardians, are requested to give their places to older people, for whom the meeting is planned. It is hoped that ladies will attend as well as gentlemen. This movement was initiated by the Twenty-five club, two committees being appointed for formulating plans to be presented for action and adoption. The publicity committee is as follows, C. B. Adams, Rev. W. L. Boisjout, E. W. Magnus, Max Ayers and M. H. Moody. The ways and means committee are A. H. Smith, J. T. Smith, P. H. Aldrich and B. R. Demeritt. The object of this work is to give every man facilities for a garden and it has been so arranged that through the bank money may be borrowed by individuals for this work through a guarantee by some of the men of the community. It is also hoped that seeds and fertilizer may be secured in such a way that any may buy at cheaper rates. The following speakers are secured for Saturday evening: Fortis H. Abbott, county agricultural agent for Washington county; Dean J. L. Hills of the agricultural college, and John W. Gordon of Barre City. It is hoped that the opera house may be packed and all who come may show an interest in the work.

The Congregational church was filled with large numbers irrespective of church or creed, who came to enjoy the supper and entertainment Tuesday evening and to show their interest in the Red Cross movement, for whose benefit the evening was spent. About \$135 was cleared for the benefit of the local Red Cross work. Numerous white-capped waiters served a fine supper, and the concert which followed was of high order as one would expect from the artists taking part. The services of each were given, including members of the orchestra. The members of the committees of the Village Improvement society had the matter in charge.

Arrangements are being made to hold a flag day celebration soon. Nearly \$100 have already been subscribed for the occasion. A large flag will be raised, a good speaker present and music by a good band. It is expected that the school children will be out in a body with their patriotic songs and flag salutes and that the boy scouts and campfire girls will participate. The oldest veteran in Waterbury will raise the flag, after which it will be under guard of the boy scout troops of the town.

BREAD PRICE HIGHER.

New York Bakers to Reduce Size of 10-Cent Loaf Two Ounces.

New York, April 27.—The price of bread will go up Monday. The Ward Baking company, one of the largest manufacturers, yesterday announced that the 10-cent loaf will be made to weigh two ounces less than heretofore. The six-cent loaf will be withdrawn altogether. Other big concerns are expected to follow suit.

A Gubernatorial Possibility.

In view of the reorganization of the corporation publishing The Burlington News would it be far out of the way to surmise that the 1918 gubernatorial campaign in Vermont has already opened? —St. Albans Messenger.

Who Will Claim Them?

Letters advertised at the Barre post-office for the week ending April 26, were: Men—Andrew Brown, James Duncan, Eureka Granite Co., F. Farrington, J. A. Walker. Women—Jean Brown, Irene Delories, Georgie Harvey, Mrs. E. L. Marsh, Mrs. Peter Thorley.

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